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1. Fol info Han Cuen-Kuang. Secty Maj Gen Chien Po-Ying to Embassy off 30 Dec ref KMT trps Burma (eval F-3). KMT trps Burma now formed 2 groups. Maj Gen Liu Hsid-Yi commanding group Shan States. Hq Monghsat. Lt Gen Li Txe-Fen commanding group South Burma. Hq vicinity Papun. Under latter are Third Army (Maj Gen Chien Po-Ying) and Fifth Army (Li Pin-Fu). South Burma group expected total 5,000 upon arrival reinf now moving from Shan States. Chien Po-Ying presently has 500 trps. Hq Laingwe. Two miles West Myawadi. Chien Po-Ying now Papun confer Li Txe-Fen and Gen Minmuang. CINC East Kawthool govt ref future KMT-Karen opns. KMT and Karen liaison off recently visited Tavoy. Mergui investigate possible future opns that area. Karens built afld for KMT Mawkhi Sep 53. (See Bangkok AIRA IR-148-53). Work now stopped. Field only 40 yards wide. Karens consider Myawadi area great importance. Controls source supplies from Thailand thru Maesod which come regular intervals. Paid for with wolfram. Karens very short ammo. 5-10 rounds per rifle. Bad feeling between KMT and Karen due Chien Po-Ying personality. Hebing very self-important. Knows nothing of mil affairs. Is cowardly. Interested only in smuggling for pers profit and has present position only because he is brother Li Mis wife. Also due failure KMT provide ammo in return for rice, and failure KMT hold their own in action with Karens against Burmese. Fol comdrs in area. Brig Gen Johnny Htoo. Sixth Karen Brig. Laingwe. Nai Anun Tun. CINC. Mon trps. Gen Takapaw. CG Second Karen Div. Hq Paingkyon. (See Emb despatch 445).

2. Fol info Yen Yuan Ting. KMT liaison off. To American Consuls. Chiengmai 2 Jan (eval F-3). KMT North Burma now realize will receive no rpt no outside aid.

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Have separated 10,000 genuine (six) KMT from indigenous recruits. 3,000 KMT now Monghsat ready go Taiwan. Remaining 7,000 refuse evac. Ready submit Burmese auth provided

(1) Arrangements made thru good off other power if Burmese prove treacherous and

(2) KMT retains right attack Yunnan when mainland invaded by Formosa.

(Comment. Improbable even KMT so naive believe GUB agree such provisos.) All KMT trps being called North to Monghsat area. Karens informed KMT not able help them in absence outside aid.

3. GUB agreed 3 Jan coop fully Chinese proposal further evac KMT and agreed continue cease fire East Salween from 1900 North-9705 East to 2402 North-9809 East until 142400 Feb, and from 1901 North-9705 East to Hsuphsim thence along Ham Hsim to Tong Ta thence North Northeast to Loi River thence along river to Mangka thence to Mong Yang due North to China border until 282400 Feb.

Comment. Gimo contacting Liu Yuan-Ling Monghsat regard to new evac, and comtee having no rpt no info Li Txe-Fen after his statement Taipei press 4 Oct. Indicates possible later quit Monghsat. Joined other anti-evac leaders South Burma continue smuggling, or warlord opns allied with Karens. Mons. Possible this move has blessing Li Mi and ChiNat mil high comd. (See my CAA 48, OAA 86 NOTAL). Yen probably misinformed ref all KMT trps being called North to Monghsat.

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